24th February 1930]

Motor Vehicles Act

Regulation of the speed of motor vehicles.

* 1488 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the latest measures adopted by the Government to regulate the speed of motor vehicles so as to prevent accidents; and

(b) the number of prosecutions under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Indian Penal Code instituted at Madras for the offence of causing accidents during the year closing with 31st December 1928 and the half-year closing with 30th June 1929 and with what result?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the Legislative Council question No. 93, given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 8th August 1929, and to notification No. 851, Law (General), dated the 4th November 1929, published at page 2058 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 12th November 1929. A proposal to amend rule 41 of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules relating to the speed limit of heavy motor vehicles is also under the consideration of Government.

(b) A statement[a] of prosecutions instituted at Madras for rash and negligent driving against motor drivers is appended.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire, Sir, what the nature of the proposal to amend rule 41 is?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is not possible for me to say at present. It is under consideration."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to lay the proposal on the table of the House?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir, I am sorry."

Police

Alleged assault of Mr. Kelappan Nair by the police at Quilandi.

* 1489 Q.—Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. K. Kelappan Nair and others were arrested by the Divisional Officer of Calicut and Mr. K. Kelappan Nair was assaulted by the police at a meeting held at Quilandi when an address of welcome was presented to the hon. the Health Minister;

(b) whether the Government have received any resolutions of public meetings held at Calicut and other places regarding this occurrence;

(c) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry into the allegations made against the Divisional Officer and the police; and

(d) if not, whether they propose to institute any inquiry into the matter?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 152 infra.